

# Christ's Call to Discipleship

## I. Commentary

**Disciple:** (μαθητης)

- **Acts 11:27** - Every Christian is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A true disciple will \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word (**John 8:31**)
- II Timothy 2:15 – A true disciple will take seriously the command to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.
- **John 13:35** – A disciple is easily identified by others because he \_\_\_\_\_ all other disciples.
- **Mark 3:14** – A disciple is someone who wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ Christ that he might learn from Him for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ Him (**John 15:3-8**).
- **Matthew 10:25** – One of the main goals is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Master.
  - Romans 8:29 – To be conformed to His image.
  - II Corinthians 3:18 – To be changed into His image.
  - Ephesians 5:1 – To be imitators of Him.
  - Philippians 2:5 – To have His mind.
- **Matthew 12:49-50** – A true disciple is \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ and is committed to doing God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Character of the Call of Christ

1. **The First Call** (Initial): This is an introduction to the person of Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 1:29**). In the judgment, there will be no one with a legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ (**Romans 1:20; 2:8-9; Matthew 7:21-22**).
2. **The Formal Call**: A call to become a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
  - John 1:12                      -- John 3:16, 18, 36
  - Romans 10:9-13              -- Ephesians 2:8-9
3. **The Final Call**: Christ's Call to Disciples: \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:19-20; Matthew 28:19-20).

Matthew 28:19-20 has been called the *Magna Charta of the church*. It is not **go ye**, since it is an aorist participle and should be translated – **Having gone, make disciples**, or **Going, or As you go, Make Disciples**. That Great Commission is MAKE DISCIPLES, which is the expectation for every true believer. The reason I am stressing this is because many see the Great Commission as: **GO MAKE CONVERTS**.

II Timothy is an important discipleship verse: *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also*. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ goal of discipleship.

### Some of the themes we will be working with are:

- Salvation and Assurance of Salvation
- Eternal Security    -- The Word of God    -- God's Will
- Temptation            -- The Local Church    -- Prayer
- Faith                    -- The Quiet Time      -- Worship

### III. Candidates That Fizzle Out (Luke 14)

- Luke 14:26 – A lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Luke 14:27 – A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (**Mark 1:17**).
- Luke 14:28-31 – A lack of leaving something behind (Cost).

*So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple (Luke 14:33).*

**Note:** Every believer has the indwelling Holy Spirit of God and therefore has the potential to be able to disciple someone.

In John 6 – Four keys why many Christians fizzle out.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ mentality (6:2).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ performed (Curiosity).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ They were provided with food.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ They walked with Him no more (6:66).

### IV. Character of Those Who are Called

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 15:5**).
2. Salvation (**Matthew 7:21-22**)
3. He must have a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit (**II Timothy 2:2**).
4. He must be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He must have a \_\_\_\_\_ for God (**I Thess. 1:3, 8-10**).
6. Doing \_\_\_\_\_ must be priority in his life.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ outlook.
8. He must be \_\_\_\_\_ (**John 15:1-8; I Cor. 4:2**).
9. He needs to be a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (**I Thess. 2:7**).
10. He must move forward by \_\_\_\_\_.
11. He must have a love for other disciples (**John 13:34-35; Philippians 2:3-4**).

### V. Concluding Thoughts

1. Our task is to \_\_\_\_\_ the ministry Christ started.
2. The degree of our success is dependent on the amount of time spent with the Lord.